



NAAS SALLINS TWO MILE HOUSE NEWSLETTER



Mass Times: First Sunday of Advent (Year C) Gospel: Luke 21:25028; 34-36

Church	Weekdays		Sundays
Our Lady and St David, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30am, 10am	Saturday 10am.	Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm.
Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas	Mon - Fri 7.30pm	Saturday 11am	Saturday Vigil: 7.30pm Sunday 11am, 12.15pm
Our Lady & Guardian Angels, Sallins	Tues - Fri 10am.		Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday 10am, 12noon
St Peter's Two Mile House	Friday 7pm		Sunday 11am

Advent: A Time of Opportunity...

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas, second, to the coming of Christ into our lives through grace and the Sacraments; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.

Fast then feast! In some places Advent is traditionally known as "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. The tendency today is that Advent has been supplanted by the Christmas shopping season, so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast!

The Symbols of Advent: In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-coloured vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath: Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the centre). The Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

Advent is the beginning of a new Church year and offers us a great opportunity to reflect on where we are at on our Christian journey, it reminds us that it is never too late to start again.



Thought for the Week

"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveller is unaware." Martin Buber

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PARISH OFFICE, NAAS

(Sallins Road): Ph 879730; Fax 894287
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
Wed: 10am-1pm: Lunch 1-2pm

BALLYCANE OFFICE: Ph 895629

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm

SALLINS OFFICE: Ph 897150

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Thursday
10am to 1pm

SACRISTY, Church of Our Lady and St David:
(during Mass times) Ph: 856925

SACRISTY, Church of the Irish Martyrs:
Ph: 895629

Confessions:

Every Saturday after the 10am Mass in the Church of
Our Lady and St David, Sallins Road.

Every Saturday after the 11am Mass in the Church of
The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane.

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Diocesan Website: kandle.ie

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN; PARISH DESIGNATED PERSONS:

Caroline Quinn (Naas); Sheila Pyke (Sallins)

Mary Valentine (Two-Mile-House). They can be contacted
through the Parish Office, Sallins Road, Naas. Ph 045 879730.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY!

Naas:

Blathnaid Elizabeth Gray, New Caragh Court

Conor Brian Murphy, Oakglade

Patrick Andrew Coates, The Paddocks

Jodi Alex Pitt, Gleann na Ríogh Close

Kyle Samuel Ryan, Dún na Ríogh Ave

Daniel Tormey Duffy, Monread Lawns

Shacey L Cuadra Limbaring, Hillside Dr

Freya Anabelle McBennett, Balbriggan

Cody John McNamara, Oakfield Heights



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

For those requesting the Sacrament of
Baptism, two weeks notice is required.

For further details of Baptisms in Naas, Sallins
and Two Mile House see Parish website:

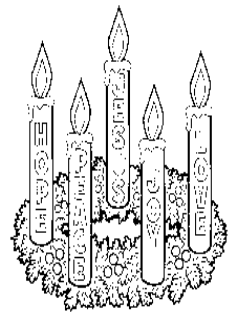
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Parish Finances:

<u>Sallins:</u>	Baskets:	€ 678
	Envelopes:	€ 70
<u>Naas:</u>	Offertory:	€3,336
	Development Fund:	€3,514
<u>Two Mile House:</u>		€ 523

Advent Preparation for Christmas

You are invited to pray and
study the Advent Sunday
Readings each Tuesday,
continuing on Tuesday coming
27th November, after the 10am
Mass in the Parish Meeting
Rooms, Sallins Road (behind
Veritas Shop). Sr Peggy Cleary
will lead the session.



All welcome.

A Diocesan Advent Prayer Card is available
this weekend in our Church Porches with a
family prayer for each week of Advent.

*'Open wide the door and
welcome Christ this Christmas'.*

GAA Lotto:

Sallins: 26/11 Jackpot €1,150; Numbers 13-29-33; No
winner Venue 3/12 Bridgewater; Jackpot €1,300

Naas: 22/11 Jackpot €5,800; Numbers 14-19-21-27; No
winner: Next weeks' Jackpot €5,950.

Splotto/Ballycane Celtic: 25/11 Numbers 15-18-19-24
No Winner: Jackpot 2/12 €6,000

Naas United FC: 25/11 Numbers: 6-7-22-27; No
winner Jackpot 2/12 €3,000 Re-start Jackpot €3,000

FEAST & MEMORIAL DAYS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 3rd:	St Francis Xavier, priest
Thursday 6th:	St Nicholas, bishop
Friday 7th:	St Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
Saturday 8th:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sallins Parish News

Eucharistic Devotion takes place on Tuesday morning between 10.30am and 11.30am.

First Friday: Fr Declan will bring Communion to the sick and those at home on Thursday morning coming, 6th December.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Saturday coming, 8th December: Mass at 10am.

Sallins Conference of St Vincent de Paul: Contact phone number 085 7052294.

Naas Parish News

Advent Station Collection, in support of the priests of the parish, takes place this weekend.

Afternoon Retreat with Fr Moling Lennon in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane today Sunday 2nd December at 2.30pm concluding with Holy Mass. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council; next meeting in the Parish Meeting Rooms, Sallins Road, on Wednesday coming, 5th December at 8.15pm.

Liturgy Group Ballycane are holding their next meeting on Saturday, 8th December at 11.30am in Ballycane Meeting Room.

Prayer Service for the safe return of Trevor Deely takes place Thursday coming, 6th December at 8.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs. All are welcome.

Parish Coffee Mornings takes place on Wednesday mornings after 10am Mass. All welcome for tea/coffee and chat.

Night Vigil - Bus To Knock on 7/8th December: All seats to be booked; phone Fosters at 045-525432
Craddock House Art and Craft exhibition takes place on Thursday coming, 6th Dec from 2.30pm.

St Vincent de Paul Society:

The Naas Branch will be holding their annual Christmas Collection in Naas and Two Mile House this weekend, 1st and 2nd December. "All Donations will be greatly appreciated and we thank you for your continued support over the years. Donations, should you wish to do so, may be made to S.V.P., P.O. Box 1, Naas.

The Nas na Riogh Singers present 'A Dickens of a Christmas' with dramatised readings from "A Christmas Carol" on Sunday 9th December at 8pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road, supporting the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul, Naas and Kerdiffstown House. Tickets from Barker and Jones or choir members.

St Vincent de Paul Society Naas helpline phone number 045 897306.

Saturday 8th December

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times:

Our Lady & St David: 10am.

Irish Martyrs: Vigil (Friday) 7.30pm
12.15pm only

FIRST FRIDAY 7th December 2012

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church of Our Lady and St. David, Sallins Road, after 10am Mass until 4pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Church of Our Lady and St David:

Thursday after 10am Mass; Friday 9.30am-10am and after 10am Mass.

Church of the Irish Martyrs:

There will be No Penitential Service incorporated into the 7.30pm Mass.

Communion to the Housebound

Fr Brickley, Fr Dempsey, Fr Madden, Fr Bogdan and Fr. Lennon will visit the housebound as usual.

Fr Declan will also make his visits on Friday starting at 10am.

Two Mile House Parish News

Confirmation Enrolment today (Sunday) at 11am Mass. We have our Confirmation Enrolment where the candidates and their families begin their “official” journey towards Confirmation which takes place on Saturday, 9th March 2013.

First Communion Programme takes place during the 11am Mass on Sunday next, 9th December.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday coming, 8th December. Mass at **9.30am**.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting Tuesday next, 4th December at 8.15pm in the School Staff Room.

School Carol Service takes place in St. Peter's Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Christmas Cards! in support of the charity “Almas” are on sale **today** (Sunday) in St. Peter's Church. Your support for this very worthy charity is much appreciated!

General Notices

Naas Local History Group present a talk on “Irish Fire and Police Public Vehicles” by Bob Webster on Tuesday coming, 4th December in Naas Community Library at 7.45pm. All Welcome.

Christmas Craft Fairs: a) In Caragh today Sunday, 2nd December, in the Caragh Community Centre from 12noon with free ‘Krafts for Kids’ where they can craft their own piece. Parking free.

b) St. David's National School in Naas on 8th December, in the Town Hall from 11am until 4pm. The fair is in aid of our new school which should be completed by February, 2014.

c) Christmas Craft Fair, McAuley Place, NnRHA, Sallins Road on 9th December 10am – 4pm; local, home-made gifts, crafts and food available for sale. All proceeds to Nás Na Ríogh Housing Association.

d) Newbridge Parish Lourdes Fund are holding a Christmas Fair, Cake Sale & Coffee Day on Saturday coming, 8th December from 11am – 4pm in the Parish Centre, Station Road, Newbridge. Admission Free.

Carols by Candlelight presented by the Millicent Singers takes place on Friday coming, 7th Dec 8pm in The Boys Chapel, Clongowes Wood College. Tickets by email millicentssingers@gmail.com or phone 086 8338626.

Kildare Youth Service presents The Maynooth Gospel Choir who will sing by candle light at St David's Church, Main Street, Naas in aid of Kildare Youth Service (KYS) on Saturday 8th December at 8pm. Tickets from KYS Basin Street, Naas at 045 897893 or contact Val 086 1595186.

To Celebrate the Year of Faith discussion sessions exploring the history and teaching of the Catholic faith continue in Ballymany Church, Newbridge on Monday coming, 3rd December from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Year of Faith Lecture: Fr. Brendan Leahy will deliver a talk entitled “*Why a year of faith?*” in the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous on Wednesday coming, 5th December from 8pm to 9pm followed by refreshments. No admission charge but donations welcome. Further lectures take place in the New Year, for further information please see; www.curryhillshouse.com or phone Susan on 086 8628601.

Teenspirit; This is a new initiative being introduced in our diocese over the next few months. It is targeting second level students who are interested in singing/music. The idea is that local parishes would gather groups of young people with an interest in music and then they would join with other groups from our diocese to put on a concert in the Springtime. If you would like to find out more please contact Fr. Paul at 045 876160.

Ireland's Wild Orchids present ‘an illustrated slide show showing all of Ireland's wild orchids’. It will take place tomorrow, Monday 3rd Dec in the meeting room at Our Lady & St Joseph's Church, Caragh at 8pm. Adm Free! .

Unite for Life Vigil on Tuesday coming, December 4th at 4.30pm outside Dail Eireann. “Unite for Life” will be a peaceful pro-life vigil supported by all pro-life organizations using this opportunity to send a united message to Government, not to introduce abortion. The vigil will have a positive, clear message about safeguarding the lives of mothers and their babies in pregnancy. Posters will be provided on the day. For more info, including buses, contact Claire 087 2668702 or Katie 087 7020255. Please make every effort to attend and spread the word everywhere.

National Council for the Blind of Ireland Shop at St Corban's Lane, Naas are holding a ‘Sale Night’ on Thursday coming, 6th December from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Please support this worthy cause.

Brian Brady Youth Theatre presents ‘Smash and Grab and the Beanstalk’ from 3rd-13th January. Bookings now open at the Moat Theatre at 045 883030....the perfect Christmas present!!

The Zambian Immersion Project Team say a big thanks for the generous support received for the cake sale held on Sunday last in Ballycane Church. Over €1,000 was raised for the project which will be put to good use.